## BEST AVAILABLE COPY REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-25 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9-11, 14, 17-19, 22, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a). Claims 3-6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 24 were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but the Examiner has indicated that they would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims rejected under 35 U.S.C \$103 have been cancelled. The Applicant has amended claims 3-6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 24 to be rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, this amendment simply cancels claims and adopts the Examiner's suggestions. The Applicant respectfully requests this amendment be entered and that a notice of allowance be issued.

Please charge the fee for the addition of seven independent claims or \$301.00 to Deposit Account No. 26-0084. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

ENT S. EGOLF, Reg. No. 51,131

McKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, P.L.C.

801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200 Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2721

Phone No: (515) 288-3667

Fax No: (515) 288-1338 **CUSTOMER NO: 22885** 

Attorneys of Record

- mlw -